

Yesterday I found Mr. Peck
confined to the sofa. to which I
had he has been confined for some
weeks. During our conversation
he mentioned his desire for speci-
mens of *Tillaea Simplex* for the
State Herbarium - ~~which~~ an ac-
quisition he has long sought in
vain to make. ^{if it will not}
Cause much trouble. Please have
them sent to me, so that I may
have the pleasure of presenting them
in your name.

Albany Oct. 5/82.

My dear Gray:

You, and the delightful
kindnesses of Mr. Gray can never be
forgotten in my recollections of past
enjoyments. It is now Ser 4, or
Ser 6, years, since adverse fortune, as
I esteemed it, compelled me to
relinquish pottering over the *Herba-*
rium of the Buffalo Soc.: and for
about fifteen months I have been
a resident of this [the America]
ancient city, engaged in pottering
over the *George Clinton Papers* his
correspondence &c. - preparing an
Index for them, with the expecta-
tion of being authorized to edit
a selection of some them. It is
to me - who am nothing but
a potterer - a very pleasant am-
usement. It brings before me

quite vividly. Two at least of
my forebears, & I presume everywhere
proof that our fathers were not
different from us, in the main,
more heroic than ourselves. It
especially pleased me to find that
good old George Clinton had a
respect for Science, and would
call his trials & tribulations, "seems to
take pleasure in sending such
aid as he could to be imitated,
Here too, employments for which I
have no taste, are not forced
upon me by necessity, and I
can have the converse ~~of~~ of
men of more learning & wisdom
than myself, who seem to & I believe
do respect me & sympathize with
my addictions to pursuits which are

"Caviare to the vulgar".

Prof. Peck. I am sorry to say,
is out of health.

Mr Leary in Buffalo, has be-
come extremely zealous, botanically,
and his particular intimacy in
discussing ^{to} adding to the adventures of Buffalo,
to whose number, the Cattle train
has added largely since I left it.
I have taken pleasure in sending him
seeds from this City, whose streets
are profuse of strange weeds.

Please remember me most
kindly & respectfully to Mr Watson.

I rejoice in your ever in-
creasing usefulness to and am
most affectionately
Your friend & servt

J. M. Johnston

Dr. Asa Gray. (I have not forgotten dear Mr
G's preference for Dr.) over